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forced obedience to drastic regulation. Morality is relative. That may be moral in one country which is immoral in another country. Circumstances alter cases. Time and place must be regarded. This is strictly exemplified by the Hofbrauhaus of Munich.

The "common good," about which we hear so much, like the "general welfare" clause of the constitution, has been worked to death. The "common good" is the veriest abstraction. It is not everywhere the same as one sees here in Bavaria. It has its variants. Who is to decide what is the "common good?" Time was when the church, or rather its close corporation of ruling prelates, alone decided. The "common good" was their belief, or pretended belief. In prescribed religious dogma. The "common good" embraced certain customs, manners and clothing decreed by canon law as orthodox. The penalties assessed against the delinquent varied from hanging to burning, from the rack to the thumb-screw. They were applied by which ever church party found itself in the ascendant.

After many centuries of strenuous trial in the effort to make men good by force of arms and tortures, both a costly and a ghastly failure, the self-ordained agents of God sowing the world in blood and flame, were sent to the rear and the doctrine of toleration—the bed-rock of all freedom, of all enlightenment, of all good government—was established measurably throughout Christendom, but absolutely as the founders thought in the United States.

This the prohibitionists would set aside and nullify. To do so they fly in the face of heaven itself. Treading the cloisters of the past here in Europe, or traveling the thoroughfares of the present at home, I cannot help thinking the American prohibitionist impious and irreligious in his dogmatism, and at the same time as unwise and indiscriminating in his worldly methods.

I might as well rail at God for bringing sin and disease and death into the world and seek to encompass them by sumptuary legislation. Men may be made hypocrites by law, but never saints. Religious truth has been the rather obscured and retarded than accelerated by theologic controversy.

Repressive agencies culminate in reactions. Radical puritanism in England was succeeded by the debaucheries of the Restoration; and Prohibition laws in the United States have not only not diminished drunkenness, but they have brought in their train scandals and evils quite as hurtful to the community at large as drink has brought to that limited section of the community given over to the excessive use of intoxicants; that is, contempt for law, evasions of law, extortion and adulteration, the corruption alike of the officials and the drink, lawful and needful revenues extinguished in favor of lawless indulgences; the fanatical preacher and the grafting politician uniting to work the spy system each for his own ends, but against the mass and body of society.

H. W.

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